

RESOURCES FOR SENIORS
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Economic Impact Payments

The U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service announced that Social Security beneficiaries who are not typically required to file tax returns will not need to file an abbreviated tax return to receive an Economic Impact Payment. Instead, payments will be automatically deposited into their bank accounts. The IRS will use the information on the Form SSA-1099 and Form RRB-1099 to generate \$1,200 Economic Impact Payments to Social Security recipients who did not file tax returns in 2018 or 2019. Recipients will receive these payments as a direct deposit or by paper check, just as they would normally receive their benefits. <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/economic-impact-payments-what-you-need-to-know>

Longer Prescription Refills

The CARES Act requires Medicare Part D plans to offer up to 90-day prescription refills. To receive a 90-day refill, contact your care provider upon your next refill.

Administration for Community Living (ACL)

\$955 million to support nutrition programs, home and community-based services, support for family caregivers, and expand oversight and protections for seniors and individuals with disabilities. For more information visit <https://acl.gov/COVID-19>

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

\$200 million for CMS to assist nursing homes with infection control and support states' efforts to prevent the spread of coronavirus in nursing homes. For more information visit <https://www.cms.gov/About-CMS/Agency-Information/Emergency/EPRO/Current-Emergencies/Current-Emergencies-page>

Expansion of the Medicare Hospital Accelerated Payment Program (Sec. 3719)

Allows an eligible* hospitals to request accelerated payments on a lump sum or periodic basis if they are experiencing significant cash flow problems resulting from operations of its intermediary or unusual circumstances. For more information visit <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/Accelerated-and-Advanced-Payments-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

Housing for the elderly and persons with disabilities

\$65 million for rental assistance, service coordinators, and support services for the more than 114,000 affordable households for the elderly and over 30,000 affordable households for low-income persons with disabilities. For more information visit https://www.hud.gov/i_want_to/find_rental_assistance

Senior Nutrition Program –Includes \$250 million additional funding for the Senior Nutrition program in the Administration for Community Living (ACL). The New Mexico Aging & Long-Term Services Department receives these funds. Find your Area Agency on Aging at <http://www.nmaging.state.nm.us/aaa.aspx>.

Social Security Administration –\$300 million to support essential telework, communication needs, and salaries and benefits of Federal employees impacted by office closures. This funding also provides the resources necessary for processing disability and retirement workloads and backlogs when SSA offices reopen to the public.

